

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

New claim 7 has been added, claim 3 has been canceled and claims 1-2 and 4-6 have been amended. Claims 1-2 and 4-7 are pending in this application.

The Examiner states that Figs. 1 and 2 should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art--. Applicant herewith submits a Request for Approval of Drawing Changes with amended Figs. 1 and 2 designated by --Prior Art--. Applicant will submit formal drawings when the application is allowed. Withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6 stand objected to because of the informalities. In response, Applicant has amended claim 5 by changing "DC power the booster 88" to --lamp driving unit-- according to the Examiner's kind suggestion, and deleted all reference characters from the pending claims. Applicant submits that these claims are now proper. Withdrawal of the objection to the claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 2 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has amended the limitation to --a lighting

fixture is coupled at the center of the case-- to clearly define the structural relationship of the elements and make the claims definite. Applicant submits that the claims are now in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Withdrawal of the rejection to claims 2 and 6 is respectfully requested.

Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's admitted prior art, Fig. 2, in view of Cho et al., Patent No. 6,316,883. Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's admitted prior art in view of Cho et al., and further in view of Yan, Patent No. 6,531,824. However, the Examiner has indicated that claims 4 and 5 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has canceled claim 3 and amended claims 4 and 5 to be independent claims including all of the limitations of canceled claim 3. Applicant has further amended claim 6 to be dependent on claim 4 and added new claim 7, which is same as claim 6, to be dependent on claim 5. Accordingly, it is believed that the rejections are deemed moot and claims 4-7 are allowable.

Applicant notes with appreciation that claim 1 is allowed.

Applicant further notes with appreciation that claim 2 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112,

second paragraph, set forth in this Office Action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As noted above, claim 2 is in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Therefore, Applicant submits that claim 2 is now allowable.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is noted.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-2 and 4-7 are now in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If any issues remain to be resolved, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

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